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SUBJECT: OAS AGENDA SUBCOMMITTEE COMPROMISES ON CHILE ITEM

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1. AGENDA SUBCOMMITTEE PREPARING DRAFT DOCUMENT FOR
CIRCULATION TO GOVERNMENTS PRIOR TO VII OASGA DEBATED
HUMAN RIGHTS ITEMS FEBRUARY 15 (REFTEL). VENEZUELA'S
MOTION TO RESTORE SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEM ON RESOLUTION 243
(STATUS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE) WAS ENDORSED STRONGLY BY
US ON PRINCIPLE THAT SPECIAL IAHRIC REPORTS DESERVE INDIVI-
DUAL AGENDA ITEMS. USDEL SAID LAST YEAR'S REPORT ON CUBA
COULD ALSO BE SPECIAL AGENDA ITEM, AS COULD CHILE'S
RECOMMENDED CHANGES IN IAHRIC PROCEDURES.

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2. MOST OTHER DELEGATIONS ENDORSED CHILE'S PROPOSAL THAT
ALL IAHRIC REPORTS BE SUBSUMED IN ONE AGENDA ITEM
ENTITLED QUOTE IAHRIC REPORTS UNQUOTE, WITHOUT FURTHER
IDENTIFICATION. GUATEMALAN AMBASSADOR OFFERED COMPROMISE
VERSION ENTITLED QUOTE IAHRIC REPORTS UNQUOTE WITH SUBHEADS
A) ANNUAL REPORT, B) SITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE,

C) SITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN CUBA. COLOMBIA AND COSTA RICA, WHICH HAD SPOKEN IN FAVOR OF SEPARATE ITEMS WITHOUT ENDORSING VENEZUELAN PROPOSAL, THEN SUPPORTED GUATEMALA.

3. VENEZUELAN DELEGATE, STRONGLY BACKED BY PANAMA CALLED FOR ROLL CALL VOTE ON HIS MOTION FIRST, NEXT ON GUATEMALAN PROPOSAL. RESULT WAS FOUR IN FAVOR (US, PANAMA, COSTA RICA, VENEZUELA), TWO AGAINST (CHILE, URUGUAY) WITH 9 ABSTENTIONS.

4. CHILE WITHDREW ITS PROPOSAL IN FAVOR OF GUATEMALA'S COMPROMISE BUT THEN ASKED THAT CUBA, WHICH HAD BEEN UNDER SCRUTINY FOR SO MANY YEARS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS, TAKE PRECEDENCE IN THE LISTING OF SPECIAL REPORTS. PANAMA AND VENEZUELA OPPOSED THE SWITCH. CONTROVERSY DRAGGED ON FOR SOME TIME, PANAMA OBJECTING THAT CUBA WAS NOT PRESENT TO DEFEND ITSELF AND SUGGESTING THAT A QUOTE DEBATE DE FONDO UNQUOTE ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE AND CUBA MIGHT PROVE QUITE INTERESTING. CHILE'S MOTION TO CLOSE DEBATE FAILED. AT 1:30 PM, THE CHAIRMAN POSTPONED FURTHER DISCUSSION UNTIL A LATER SESSION, SO FAR UNSCHEDULED, LEAVING THE AGENDA STILL UNFINISHED FOR YET ANOTHER WEEK, ALTHOUGH DECISION HAS NOW BEEN REACHED TO GROUP ALL HUMAN RIGHTS TOPICS UNDER ONE HEADING.
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